DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) and (*b*) at present there is no such arrangement; but from next year onwards two graduates in medicine are proposed to be sent every year for observation and study for a period of 6 months each in some of the important hospitals in Madras, Bombay and Delhi. Licentiates will be given training locally.

Grant-in-aid to the recognised orphanages.

185. ***MR. P. O. THOMAS:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have raised the grant-in-aid to the recognised orphanages since the commencement of the war; and

(*b*) if so, the proportion in which they were raised?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Sir, are not the grants given to maintain the orphanages?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes, for maintaining also.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether Government realise that the cost of the maintenance of the inmates has risen after the war at least five fold?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: That is why a lump some provision is made. Where any increase is deemed necessary, it will be given.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: But the total grant is not increased.

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes, we will distribute it according to the needs.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Does not Government feel the necessity to increase the grants to the orphanages?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: When there are funds increased provision will be made.

Vocational Welfare Officer.

186 ***MR. K. A. MAHOMED:** May I know from the Government:

(*a*) how long it is since the Vocational Welfare Officer has been appointed in the Education Department;

(*b*) what is his pay and allowance; and

(*c*) what are his duties?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) About six years, from August 1939.

(*b*) Pay Rs. 325 (Personal); no allowance.

(*c*) i. To train up selected Middle School teachers in Vocational and Welfare Work leadership in specially organised Training Courses held in different parts of the State;

ii. To inspect by frequent visits to schools, the work done by the trained teachers in their schools, for the pupils.

iii. To give frequent instructions and guidance by circulars to the teachers employed in the work.

iv. To maintain records of progress of work in the schools and to carry on office work generally in connection with the scheme.

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MR. K. A. MAHOMED: Sir, which is the headquarters of the Vocational Welfare Officer?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Trivandrum.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the number of teachers to whom he has given training?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: 300.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: How many visits has the Officer paid to the schools?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Sir, he has been constantly on tour visiting schools.

Recruitment of teachers.

187 *MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of teachers directly recruited in the year 1119 and those taken from grant-in-aid or recognised schools?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: 443.

Separate figures of those taken from grant-in-aid or recognised schools are not available.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: May I know whether the Government are aware that teachers who are already serving under management schools when appointed to Government schools are asked to produce a release certificate from the managers?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes, Sir. They must produce such a certificate. We must know that there is no liability on their part before they are entertained.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Is the honourable member aware that many managers are refusing to give that certificate?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: It depends upon their contract.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Does not this refusal spoil the life of many of the private school teachers?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: I have not received any petition or complaint where the manager has refused this certificate without reason. So, I am not in a position to say how far they are adversely affected by the attitude taken by the management.

Accommodation for schools.

188 * MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the large increase of students in all schools of the State this year;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the classes in Government schools are invariably over-crowded exceeding the maximum prescribed; and

(*c*) whether in view of the above Government have taken any steps to increase the accommodation?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes; all possible steps have been taken to provide additional accommodation.

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